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## Grow Local, Help Global

### *Your garden matters more than you think*

**By STEFANIE BROOKE**
**Tangi Times Community Journalist**

If you think of gardening as just a peaceful way to pass the time or a chance to show off some pretty blooms to the neighbors, you're not wrong, but you're not seeing the whole picture, either. What you plant in your yard can actually have a big impact on the health of the ecosystem around you, especially here in Southeast Louisiana, where biodiversity is as rich as the gumbo is thick.

Turns out, your garden isn't just your garden. It's part of a much bigger patchwork that supports everything from bees and butterflies to birds, frogs, and even the soil itself. And if you really want to help nature thrive, it all starts with one simple idea: plant native.

Native plants – those that naturally grow in your region without human help – are a game changer for local ecosystems. They've evolved alongside native wildlife, which means they

provide exactly what our bugs, birds, and other critters need to survive. Unlike imported ornamentals (we're looking at you, crape myrtle and English ivy), native plants feed native insects, support pollinators, and often require less water, fertilizer, and fuss.

For example, the Gulf fritillary butterfly, a bright orange beauty commonly seen fluttering around our area, lays its eggs only on passionvine (Passiflora incarnata), a native vine with stunning purple flowers. No passionvine, no caterpillars, no butterflies. It's that simple.

The milkweed plant (Asclepias spp.), another Louisiana native, is the lifeline for beautiful monarch butterflies, whose populations have plummeted in recent years. Planting even one or two milkweed plants can provide a crucial stopover for these long-distance travelers on their migration journey.

And let's not forget the humble bee balm (Monarda fistulosa), a nectar-rich plant that attracts native bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies alike, turning your garden into a full-blown pollinator party.

So, what can you do to make your garden more pollinator-friendly without digging up your whole yard or buying out the plant nursery?

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## Spark Big Love on a Small Budget

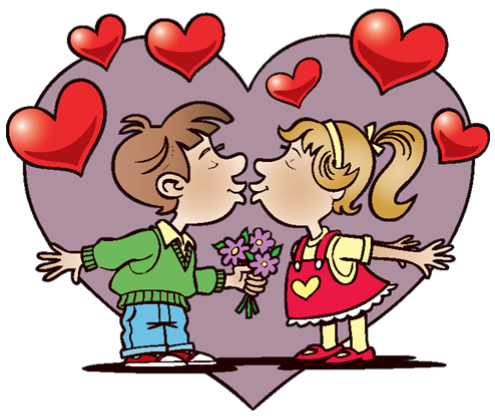
**By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist**

Who says romance has to come with a price tag? Whether you're newly smitten, ten years into wedded bliss, or somewhere in between, there's no reason your date night should drain your wallet – or your will to plan.

Luckily, if you're living in Louisiana, you've got charm, flavor, and creativity on your side. So grab your sweetheart and let's get thrifty with some delightful, down-to-earth date ideas that will cost less than a fancy dinner but mean a whole lot more.

Start simple with a picnic under the stars. Load up a basket with po'boys, boudin balls, and a couple of cold drinks and head to a scenic spot like Ponchatoula's Memorial Park or the lakefront in Mandeville.

No candlelight required – just a cozy blanket and maybe a Bluetooth speaker playing "your song." The low pressure allows for real conversation, and let's be honest, fried food always sets the mood.



If you're the artsy type, why not head to a local gallery crawl or art walk? Towns like Hammond and Baton Rouge often host free events with music, food trucks, and local artists.

Even if you don't know a Monet from a mailbox, you'll find plenty to chat and laugh about. Art has a funny way of revealing how someone thinks – and whether they'll judge you for loving glitter.

For something truly quirky, take a tour of a local roadside oddity – maybe a swamp tour, gator ranch, or that random museum you've driven past a hundred times but never actually entered. Shared novelty experiences build stronger bonds than another overpriced meal you forget by morning. You'll laugh, you'll learn, and you might end up with an inside joke that lasts forever.

Feeling nostalgic? Recreate your high school date nights – drive-in movies, roller skating, or even bowling in your hometown lanes. It's a great way to tap into your playful side and remember how fun flirting used to be before bills and bedtime routines.

And for those couples who love a little friendly competition, host a game night at home with snacks, silly prizes, and your favorite card or board games. Competitive spirit builds energy, and laughter is known to increase oxytocin (aka the cuddle hormone). Just avoid Monopoly unless your relationship is very, very solid.

Even something as simple as a stroll through a local farmer's market or antique mall can lead to meaningful moments. Let each

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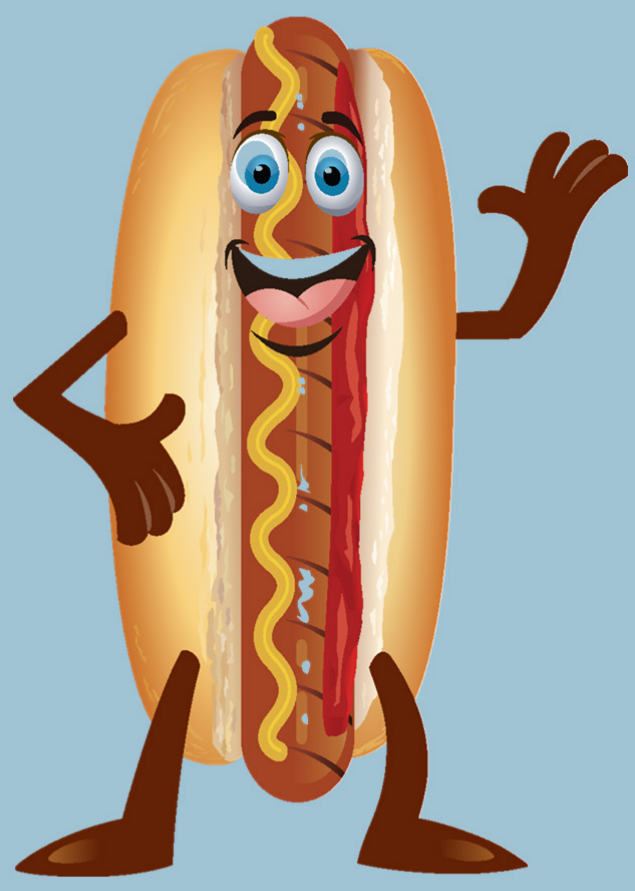
## Today is National Hot Dog Day!



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**By OLE HARDHIDE**
**The Alligator**

Surprise, surprise, surprise!

In case you think that your good friend Old Hardhide just had his column hijacked by Gomer Pyle, I'm happy to report that you would be wrong. No, Old Gomer has not infiltrated the sacred lair of Gatorus Supremus. That was a conspicuously non-H greeting that has been resonating in the pristine ears of this leisurely leatherback since his birthday a few days ago.

I know what you're thinking – how did the most magnificent reptile in the whole swamp have a birthday without the word getting out? Well, my friends, y'all know if this fabulous is anything, it's humble. I don't like to broadcast special events about lil' ol' moi. There's a lot of important events going on around here lately, and I don't want to steal anyone else's thunder.

Y'all know that the main gator's favorite thing in the whole wide world is a good surprise (contrary to a bad surprise, which might be my least favorite thing). So imagine my delight when I walked into the dark office prepared to have some birthday morning coffee all by my lonesome, and all my coworkers jumped out from the shadows and yelled, "Surprise, surprise, surprise!"

Ya'll know the Hide's favorite thing in the whole wide world is a good doberge cake, and guess what kind of cake was waiting on the dark and previously seemingly lonely conference table. Yep. The fave of the Hide.

Some of those office jokers thought they would have a little fun at the main gator's expense by handing me a little 6" steak knife and laughing, "Hey, lizard lips, why don't you cut the cake, hurrrrr hurrrr hurrrrrrr." Uh huh. Making fun of the gator with short arms – I get it. Very funny, puddin' brain. How's this for a knee-slapper? 11" cake + 27" open mouth. No cake for you!

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

*Mayor Wesley Daniels*
*City of Ponchatoula*

*As Mayor of Ponchatoula, I'm excited to continue the Ponchatoula Pedestrian Improvement Project, originally started by Mayor Zabbia. This effort focuses on making our downtown both safer and more beautiful. While the main goal is pedestrian safety, those improvements are also allowing us to enhance the overall look and feel of our city's core, creating a space that's both inviting and secure.*

*Starting July 14, you'll see contractors along Main Street as sidewalk demolition and excavation begin. Work will start at 4th Street near the Ponchatoula Feed and Seed Store and move west.*

*Please be patient and pardon our progress as we work to improve the heart of Ponchatoula for all who live, work, and visit here.*

*"I love our city, and I love its people."*
*-Wesley Daniels*

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

**Wednesday July 16**
5:30-6:30pm
FREE Kids' Gun Safety Class
By TPSO Lt. Don Alexander
PARD Events Building
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.,
Ponchatoula

**Thursday July 17**
5:30pm
Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony -
Chaleureaux
145 W. Pine St., Ponchatoula

**Friday July 18**
5-8pm
Will Vance & the Kinfolk
Hammond Live
Cate Square Park
Downtown Hammond

**Saturday July 19**
12-5 pm
Christmas in July
Downtown Ponchatoula

**Saturday July 19**
11 am – 1 pm
Back 2 School Bash
PARD
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr.,
Ponchatoula

**Sunday July 20**
2 pm
Paint Your Own Colorful Crab Class
Revival Art House
495 SW Railroad Ave., Ponchatoula

**Wednesday July 23**
6 pm
Free Range Hippie Toucan Kids Paint Party
Twin Steeples Creative Arts Center
220 E Oak St., Ponchatoula

**Saturday July 26**
12-5 pm
Christmas in July at Gnarly Barley
Gnarly Barley Brewing
1709 Corbin Rd., Hammond

# MEMES are good medicine!

I told my teenage son that I used to get 10 CDs in the mail for a penny. I don't know if he thought I was lying about what a CD was, what a penny was, what the mail was, or all the above.

## Spiritual Petition

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# Dubious News

Hello friends! Ever spent five minutes looking for your sunglasses... only to find them on your head? Now imagine doing that, but with your entire existence.

In 2012, a woman touring Iceland with a group of travelers learned that someone from their group had gone missing. Authorities were alerted. A frantic search began. And she – being a helpful, responsible tourist – joined in the effort to find the poor soul.

Hours passed... until she realized something awkward.

They were looking for her!

She had simply changed clothes during a break, and no one recognized her in the new outfit. Meanwhile, she didn't recognize the description of herself and enthusiastically helped search for the "missing woman."

She led the charge, solved the mystery, and completed the rare feat of rescuing herself from a situation she didn't know she was in. All it took was a new outfit to spark a full-blown identity crisis and the world's most polite international incident.

Until next time, friends! Don't lose yourself!

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# Happy 40th Anniversary Scooter and Kay Keen!

Scooter and Kay were married on July 13, 1985

# Tangi Gumbo

## A little bit of everything you need to know

The Tangipahoa Chamber's highly anticipated Chillin' with the Chamber $10,000 Raffle Party is back and set for Saturday, August 9, from 6:30–9:30pm at the Chappapeela Sports Park Gymnasium. This exciting annual fundraiser plays a crucial role in helping the Chamber maintain the historic Hammond Train Depot and supports a wide range of member programs and services that strengthen the local business community.

Guests will enjoy an evening filled with lively entertainment, featuring live music by 3rd Street, delicious food and drinks from participating Chamber member vendors, a silent auction with more than 30 fantastic items up for bid, and a liquor pull where every participant takes home a bottle valued at $20 or more.

Each $125 ticket admits two people and includes a chance to win either the $10,000 grand prize or a large Big Green Egg in a Nest, generously donated by Gabriel Building Supply. Attendees do not have to be present to win.

A special thank you goes to First Guaranty Bank for returning as this year's Title Sponsor and helping make this signature Chamber event possible.

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The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has approved the establishment of two new Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) — Flatwoods Savanna in Allen Parish and Bogue Chitto in Washington Parish — during its July 9 meeting in Baton Rouge. Now open for non-consumptive activities such as hiking and wildlife viewing, the Flatwoods Savanna WMA covers 426 acres between Reeves and LeBlanc, while the Bogue Chitto WMA spans 1,642.5 acres south of Franklinton near Bogue Chitto State Park.

The WMAs were created in partnership with the Trust for Public Land and funded in part by the Louisiana Outdoor Fund, with additional support from several conservation organizations and foundations. These areas aim to enhance public access to natural spaces and contribute to long-term conservation efforts across the state.

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It has now been three weeks since James Wood was last seen, and the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office continues to search for answers in his disappearance. The last confirmed sighting of Wood was on June 19 at the LA 22 Mart in Ponchatoula, where surveillance footage shows him wearing all black and walking down Lee's Landing Road, away from Highway 22. His vehicle, keys, and other personal belongings were later found at his home on River Road, where he lives alone.

Although a few tips have come in, none have led to his location. Sheriff Gerald Stricker urges anyone with information to contact the TPSO Investigations Division at 985-902-2045 as detectives remain actively involved in the case.

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Late afternoon thunderstorms have delayed shoulder work on a number of recently paved roadways across Tangipahoa Parish. Parish President Robby Miller said Barriere Construction crews have faced weather challenges in completing several of their shoulder dressing projects this month. Extensive evening showers are continuing to cause delays because local dirt pits are being rained out.

Miller also reminds motorists that a portion of Reid Road in Amite is scheduled for closure on Monday, July 14, from 7am until 1pm for repairs of the old timber bridge at the far end of the roadway. No traffic will be allowed through the construction zone.

On Thursday, July 17, the intersection of Berry Bowl Road at Danna Road in Independence will be closed for a cross-drain replacement project. Work is scheduled between the hours of 7am and 1pm that day, and no thru traffic will be allowed while work is being completed in that area.

For updates on road closures in Tangipahoa Parish, consult the Tangipahoa.org website and the TPG social media channels.

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There will be I-55 Southbound left lane closures scheduled as follows between Ruddock (Exit 7) and Laplace (Exit 1), near Mile Markers 3.4 and 6.4, while crews perform bridge maintenance operations, weather permitting:

Wednesday (7/16/2025): 9AM – 5PM: I-55 Southbound Left Lane closure near Mile Marker 6.4

Thursday (7/17/2025): 9AM – 5PM: I-55 Southbound Left Lane Closure near Mile Marker 3.4

Oversize loads are restricted to 12 feet in width. Emergency vehicles will have access. Motorists may encounter a slight delay during this time.

The following routes may be used to avoid the lane closures: Motorist traveling I-55 South may take Ruddock Exit 7, then south to Laplace Exit 1 to re-intersect I-55 or Exit 209 to continue to I-10.

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The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) needs the public's help gathering information about a series of vehicle-related crimes in the Tickfaw area believed to be connected.

Between Midnight and 4am on June 30, four armed suspects are seen on multiple surveillance videos breaking into vehicles on Chinook Drive and Alack Drive in Tickfaw. A 2021 black Mitsubishi Outlander was also stolen.

The night before, the driver of a 2009 silver Nissan Maxima was carjacked on Old Genessee Road. Video from the June 30th crimes

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Lucky Dollar Casino
A Country Store
Last Stop Money Mart

9/24

**Hammond**
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Bayou Booksellers
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6/24

**Independence**
The Man Shack
Hilltop Market & Deli
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3/24

**Kentwood**
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12/23

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Watch the growth of this Tangi Times retailer list!


# The Tangi Times Talk of the Town!

**What is a word or phrase (G/PG-rated!) that doesn't seem to bother other people but grinds you like fingernails on a chalkboard?**

Dett Patrick
Ponchatoula

Unbelievable. We just experienced it! Say that was amazing. But it is no longer unbelievable.

Douglas Bennett
Bedico

"...you know...like...go like...and you know..." Please, read a book or two.

Marilyn Wright
Ponchatoula

Can't... too many that I don't like, but if what they are talking about isn't offensive, I just forget it.

Pam Shady
Kentwood

Irregardless!!! No such word, but that doesn't stop anyone from using it.

Phillip Colwart
Hammond

"Well, to be honest." Like the previous info was less than honest.

Roxy Benjamin
Independence

Pacific instead of specific!!! Please, Don't do that to the ocean and my brain!

Scarlet Brantley
Loranger

"Finna"

Scott Morrow
Amite

"Literally" When it's used incorrectly, which is most of the time. "My head literally exploded when she told me that."

# YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Strader Cieutat · Kelly Gideon
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Rosalinda Dransfield · JC Martin
Ryan Helg · Bob Casale
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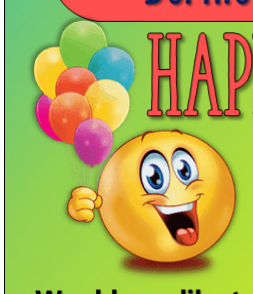


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# C. Bryan Miller, MD, Joins North Oaks Primary Care in Hammond

### From North Oaks

North Oaks Health System is pleased to welcome C. Bryan Miller, MD, to the team at North Oaks Primary Care in Hammond beginning in August. Dr. Miller will be accepting patients, ages 12 and older. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Miller, call (985) 230-2778.

Dr. Miller is a board-certified family medicine physician with more than two decades of experience in preventative care, managing chronic conditions and patient education. He builds long-term relationships with his patients, helping them achieve their health goals.

"The practice of medicine is both a calling and a privilege," Dr. Miller explains. "Getting to know my patients and their families – and giving them the time and space to share their concerns – is, by far, the most important ingredient in my practice. It is the cornerstone of what I consider quality care."

Dr. Miller brings a strong vision and leadership skills to North Oaks – developed from 20 years of improving healthcare and delivering quality, patient-centered care to diverse communities across the Northshore. In addition to his medical background, he has held influential leadership roles working to redesign clinic operations, introduce new care models, and make healthcare delivery more effective and focused on better patient outcomes.

An alumnus of the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile, Dr. Miller practiced family medicine primarily in the Slidell community and stepped into his first leadership role in 2010. Since then, he has continued his healthcare leadership career by working for multiple health systems before joining the North Oaks family.

Professionally, Dr. Miller belongs to the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians.

Other primary care providers at this location include Drs. Gayle H. Beyl and Herbert G. Robinson III; and nurse practitioners Jenna Anzalone Morgan, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, Kelsey St. Arnaud, FNP-C, Polly Burrall, APRN, FNP-C and Shay Morgan, APRN, FNP-C.

North Oaks Primary Care in Hammond is located in Suite 201 of the North Oaks Clinic Building at 15813 Paul Vega, MD, Drive on the North Oaks Medical Center campus. Clinic hours of operation are 8am to 5pm on weekdays.

To learn more about Dr. Miller and his expertise, visit northoaks.org/miller. To learn more about North Oaks Primary Care, visit northoaks.org/primary-care.

# TANGI GUMBO

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confirms this vehicle was the one the suspects arrived in before committing the burglaries and stealing the Outlander.

Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information about who these suspects are, or their and these vehicles' whereabouts, to contact the Criminal Investigations Office at 985-902-2088.

If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip! Tips submitted directly through Crimestoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

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Benjamin Thomas III, 52, of Hammond, Louisiana, was unanimously convicted by a federal jury on five counts of failing to properly account for and pay over federal trust fund taxes, following a three-day trial before U.S. District Judge Brian A. Jackson. Thomas, who has resided in the Dominican Republic since early 2023, owned and operated Lighthouse Community Care, Inc., a Baton Rouge-based mental health clinic with multiple locations across Louisiana and over 100 employees. Despite withholding federal income, Social Security, and Medicare taxes from employee paychecks, Thomas repeatedly failed to file timely tax returns or remit the funds to the IRS, owing more than $970,000 for specific periods in 2017 and 2018. The IRS attempted to collect the funds through notices and an in-person interview, but Thomas diverted company money to a Dominican vacation home, a management company he controlled, and a family trust, while also spending heavily on luxury cars, private school tuition, and high-end personal items.

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The limited precautionary boil water advisory for the Loranger area has been officially lifted. The advisory had affected customers of the Eastern Heights System, including those along Highway 1054 south of Clement Road to Highway 40, as well as School Road and any connected streets. Following comprehensive testing by the Louisiana Department of Health lab, officials have confirmed that the water is now safe for consumption.

# Obituaries

**Anthony W. Monistere;** 77; Hammond; July 11; survived by his wife, Debby Monistere; children, Lori and Patrick Olinde, Marti and John Ogden, and Scott and Ashley Monistere; grandchildren, Taylor, Teddi, Isabella, Foster, Hamilton, Avery, Ruffin, and Campbell; and great-grandchildren, Scarlett, Eloise and Augustus (Gus).

**Joyce Toney Easley**; 91; Independence; July 10; survived by her children, Donna Easley Chavers (Jackie), Cindy Easley Schumacher, Randy Easley (Gail), and Ray Easley (Darla); grandchildren, Stephanie, Kimberly, Rhesha, Blake, Chassidy, Dustin, Trampus, and Farrah; and sixteen great grandchildren.

**Geraldine Cecile Thibodaux Wright**; 87; Ponchatoula; July 12; survived by her children, William "Billy" Wright, Jr. (Christy), Brett Wright (Erin), David Wright, Jeffrey Wright (Craig), and Jean "Jeanie" Cutrer (Richard, Jr.); thirteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Emily Boudreaux; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

**Gavin DeBrice Torrence**; 39; July 2, 2025; Viewing will be held on July 11, 2025, at MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home, 7803 Florida Blvd., Denham Springs, LA 70726, at 9am until the religious service at 11:30am.

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PROJECT:**TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT HOUSING DEPARTMENT NEW HEADQUARTERS**

BID DATE:Sealed bids will be received on
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A **Pre-Bid Conference** is scheduled for **Thursday, July 24, 2025@ 10:00 A.M.** at the project site
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As a requirement under Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2163, this project is classified as **Building Construction.**

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Government no later than seven (7) days prior to the bid opening and pre-bid conference.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bidders have the option to submit bids electronically with Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2212 A(1 )(f)(i).

Bids submitted electronically shall be submitted to www.centralauctionhouse.com.

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## TPSS

**NOTICE**

DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2025
The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Account Clerk (12 Months)

SALARY: $28,677 - $47,647 (Based on verified years of relevant experience and certification or degree)

LOCATION: Maintenance Department
Amite, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following requirements:
High School Diploma or Equivalency Certificate (GED);
Associate's Degree in Office Administration or related coursework at a State Approved Vocational School or State Approved Business School; or
Bachelor's Degree or higher in Business Administration
A valid Louisiana Driver's License;
A minimum of three (3) years of experience in ordering and procurement of repair parts;
Be knowledgeable of the latest technology in relation to Novar and Honeywell monitoring systems for equipment and property maintenance;
Understand blueprints, schematics and sequential flowcharts;
Knowledge of different types of measurement across the skilled trades to effectively order items for the Maintenance Department;
Technical Customer Service.

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**NOTICE**

DEADLINE: JULY 19, 2025
The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: CAFETERIA MANAGER – CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (9 ½ Months)

SALARY: $34,122 - $48,282 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Loranger Elementary School
Loranger, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
High school diploma or GED (General Equivalency Diploma);
Minimum of three (3) years' experience in the Child Nutrition Program with one year serving as a Production Manager;
Enrolled in Manager's Certification Program. Completion of training program preferred.

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**NOTICE**

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The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:
POSITION: CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM BILLING CLERK / CASHIER (9 Months)
SALARY: $21,448 - $29,346 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)
LOCATION: Woodland Park Magnet School
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
• High School Diploma or Equivalency Certificate;
• Minimum of two (2) years' experience as a Billing Clerk/Cashier;
• Enrolled in manager's Certification program. Completion of training program preferred.

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LOCATION: Loranger Elementary School
Loranger, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
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**NOTICE**

DEADLINE: JULY 24, 2025
The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:
POSITION: Assistant Principal (9.75 Months)

SALARY: $55,212 - $79,372
Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience

LOCATION: Woodland Park Magnet School
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have on or before the advertised deadline, a valid Louisiana teaching certificate with one or more of the following credentials:
Valid Type A or Level 3 Louisiana Teaching Certificate with certification as Principal; OR
Educational Leader Level 1 or Level 2; OR
Educational Leader Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education; OR
Out of State Principal certificate, Level 1 (OSP1) or Level 2 (OSP2); OR
Out of State (OSP1 or OSP2) Principal Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education
**UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.**

A rubric will be used to evaluate your application, so please be sure to submit all required information.

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website: www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s) will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

Submit your application through the Frontline Recruit and Hire portal before the deadline of **July 24, 2025,** even if a previous paper application is on file with TPSS Human Resources. Previous paper or email applications will not be considered.

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Cost of notice: $ 24.50

**NOTICE**

DEADLINE: JULY 19, 2025
The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: PRODUCTION MANAGER – CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (9 Months)
SALARY: $23,611 - $32,737 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)
LOCATION: Hammond High Magnet School
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
• High school diploma or GED (General Equivalency Diploma);
• Minimum of one (1) year of experience as a permanent, full-time employee in the Child Nutrition Program;
• Enrolled in Manager's Certification Program. Completion of training program preferred.

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POSITION: PRODUCTION MANAGER – CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (9 Months)
SALARY: $23,611 - $32,737 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)
LOCATION: Martha Vinyard Elementary School
Ponchatoula, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
• High school diploma or GED (General Equivalency Diploma);
• Minimum of one (1) year of experience as a permanent, full-time employee in the Child Nutrition Program;
• Enrolled in Manager's Certification Program. Completion of training program preferred.

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DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2025
The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: SCHOOL SECRETARY (10 Months)

SALARY: $24,714 - $33,812 (Based on verified years of relevant experience, degree and level of certification)

LOCATION: Jewel M. Sumner High School Kentwood, LA

CRITERIA: Must have one of the following requirements:
High School Diploma, Equivalency Certificate and at least two (2) years of experience in accounting or bookkeeping.
Successful completion of coursework leading to an Associate's Degree in Office Administration, or successfully completed coursework at a State Approved Vocational School or State Approve Business School.
A Bachelors' degree or higher will be accepted in lieu of the above requirements.
Diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

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POSITION: CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM BILLING CLERK / CASHIER (9 Months)
SALARY: $21,448 - $29,346 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)
LOCATION: Hammond Eastside Magnet - Lower
Hammond, LA

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## Town of Independence

**Notice of Public Hearing**
Town of Independence
Ordinance #2025-1128
Change The Start Time for the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Aldermen
Notice of Public Meeting for Ordinance #2025-1128 (Change the start time of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to 5:30PM.) Ordinance #2025-1128 was introduced by Eric Costa during the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Independence held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025.
There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Independence, Independence, Louisiana, at which time a vote will be taken to adopt.
Publish: July 16
Cost of notice:$9.98

**Notice of Public Hearing**
Town of Independence
Ordinance #2025-1129
Ordinance to limit the amount of fill material allowed to be brought in for New Residential or Multi Family Construction
Notice of Public Meeting for Ordinance #2025-1129 (Limit the amount of fill material allowed to be brought in for New Residential or Multi Family Construction) Ordinance #2025-1129 was introduced by Eric Costa during the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Independence held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025.
There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Independence, Independence, Louisiana, at which time a vote will be taken to adopt.
Publish: July 16
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## CGDD#1

**NOTICE**

Owner: Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish
Project: W8 Improvements at Ponchatoula Cemetery [FY2025]
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed Bids for the construction of "W8 Improvements at Ponchatoula Cemetery [FY2025] for Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish" will be received by the President & Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish at the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 district office Meeting Room, 48571 Highway 51 North; Tickfaw, LA 70466, until 10:00 a.m. (CST) Thursday, August 21, 2025, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of:
Cleaning, patch/seal and geopolymer lining of a 96"x120" corrugated metal pipe arched (CMPA) (100 LF) and catch basins (2 EA), clean and installation of cured in place pipe (CIPP) in 24"-36" pipe sizes (materials vary) (260 LF), installation of new catch basins (2 EA), install/open cut 36" Thermoplastic pipe (CPEP-DW/RPVCP), imported backfill (100 CY), installation of flowable fill (20 CY), construction/traffic signage, miscellaneous sitework & erosion control, and related work as called for on the drawings, indicated on the Bid Form, or reasonably implied.
Construction Budget: $250,000.00
Contract Term: 60 calendar days

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:
Spangler Engineering, LLC; 214 Southwest Railroad Avenue; Hammond, LA 70403; (985) 542-8665; Jay C. Pittman, P.E.; jay@spanglerengineering.com. Prospective Bidders shall obtain Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (Monday-Thursday), and 8:00 am – 12 noon (Friday), and may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office as described herein.

Bidding Documents may also be examined at the Office of the District Administrator, Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish; 48571 Highway 51 North; Tickfaw, LA 70466.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents shall be obtained from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above upon payment of a deposit of $150.00 for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in good condition (suitable for re-use) within ten (10) days after receipt of Bids (August 31, 2025) will receive a full refund ($150.00). Non-Bidders will receive a refund of $150.00 for documents returned in good condition within the time limit indicated above. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Spangler Engineering, LLC". Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 am (CST) on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the CGDD#1 Engineer's Office; 214 SW Railroad Avenue; Hammond, LA 70403. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish, LA

By: _____
_____
Title: Emile "Joey" Mayeaux, PRESIDENT, Board of Commissioners
Date: 16 July 2025
Publication dates: 0 7 / 1 6 / 2 0 2 5 ; 07/23/2025; 07/30/2025; 08/06/2025; 08/13/2025
Cost of notice:$ 40.50

## TPSO

**Announcement of Public Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, 15475 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, Louisiana, the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Law Enforcement District of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.
Publish: July 16
Cost of notice: $5.00

## Town of Amite

**TOWN OF AMITE CITY**
**Amite, Louisiana**
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Town of Amite will receive sealed proposals in its office at 212 East Oak St., Amite Louisiana, up until 9:00A.M., Friday, August 1, 2025, for the following:
**SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE**
For information and specifications, contact Mark Kolwe, City Manager, Town of Amite City, at (985) 748-8761.
Walter Daniels
Mayor, Town Amite City
PUBLICATION DATES: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 Wednesday, July 23, 2025
"The Town of Amite City does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disabilities or veteran status. We are an equal opportunity employer."
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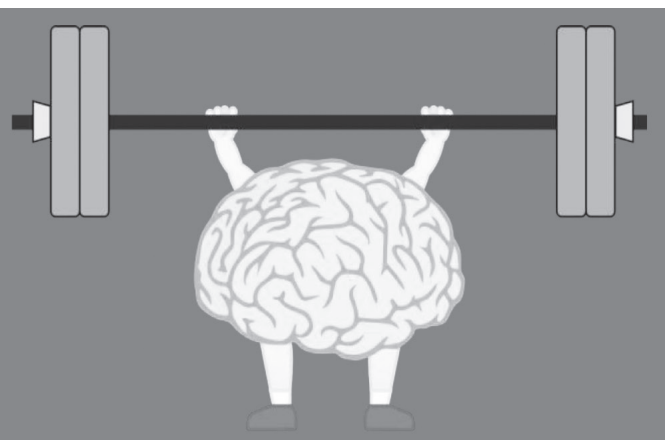
# Intelligence Corner



## CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solve the code to discover words related to air conditioning.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
**(Hint: 22 =O)**

**A.** 9 22 22 24 18 25 17
*Clue: Make less warm*

**B.** 5 21 25
*Clue: Circulates air*

**C.** 18 25 1 22 22 13 4
*Clue: Inside*

**D.** 13 26 16 21 18 13 4
*Clue: Fixes*

Answers: A. cooling B. fan C. indoors D. repairs

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to air conditioning.

**S N V T E**

Answer: Vents

## The Tangi Times BRAIN TEASER

### HIP TO BE SQUARE

Insert the given letters, one per cell, to complete the word square containing ten different words, five reading across and five reading down.

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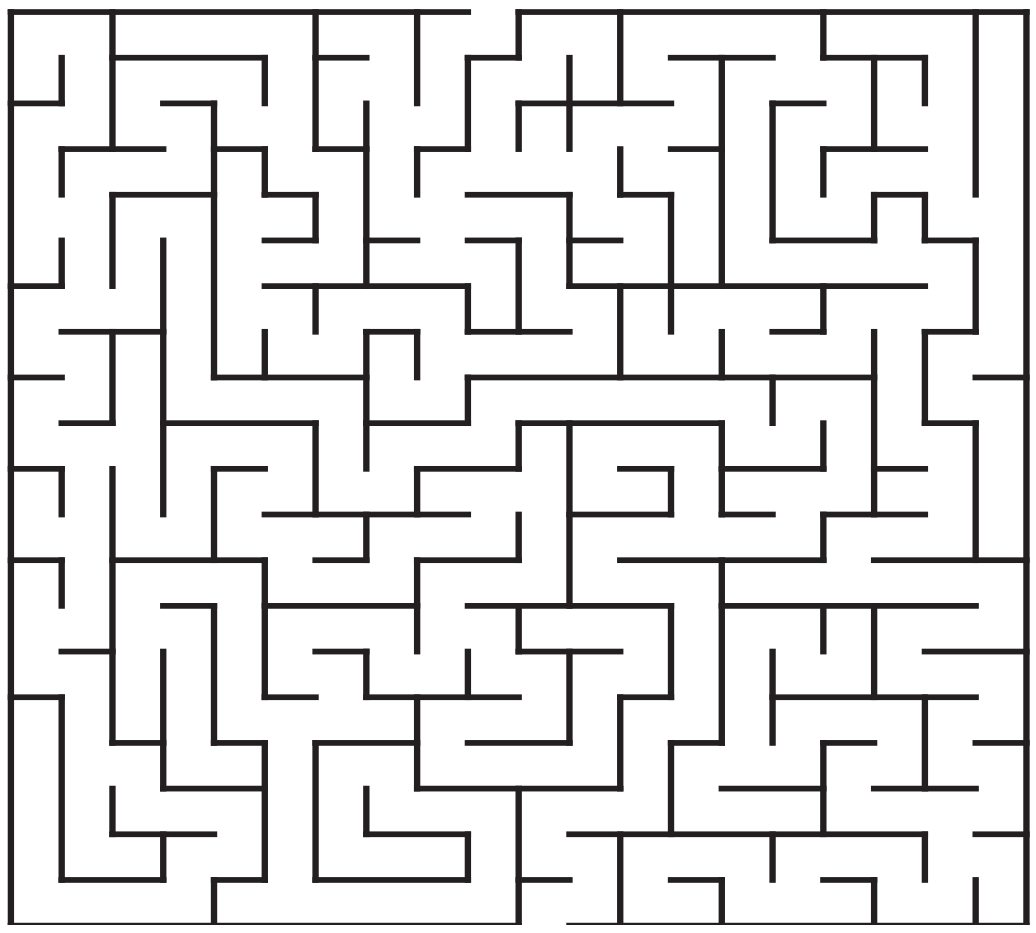
*If you think that you have solved the puzzle, tell us about it in an email to **publisher@tangitimes.com** before the solution is published in next week's paper.*

## FUN FACT

**Every character on Scooby Doo has a formal name. Scooby's full name is SCOOBERT DOO.**

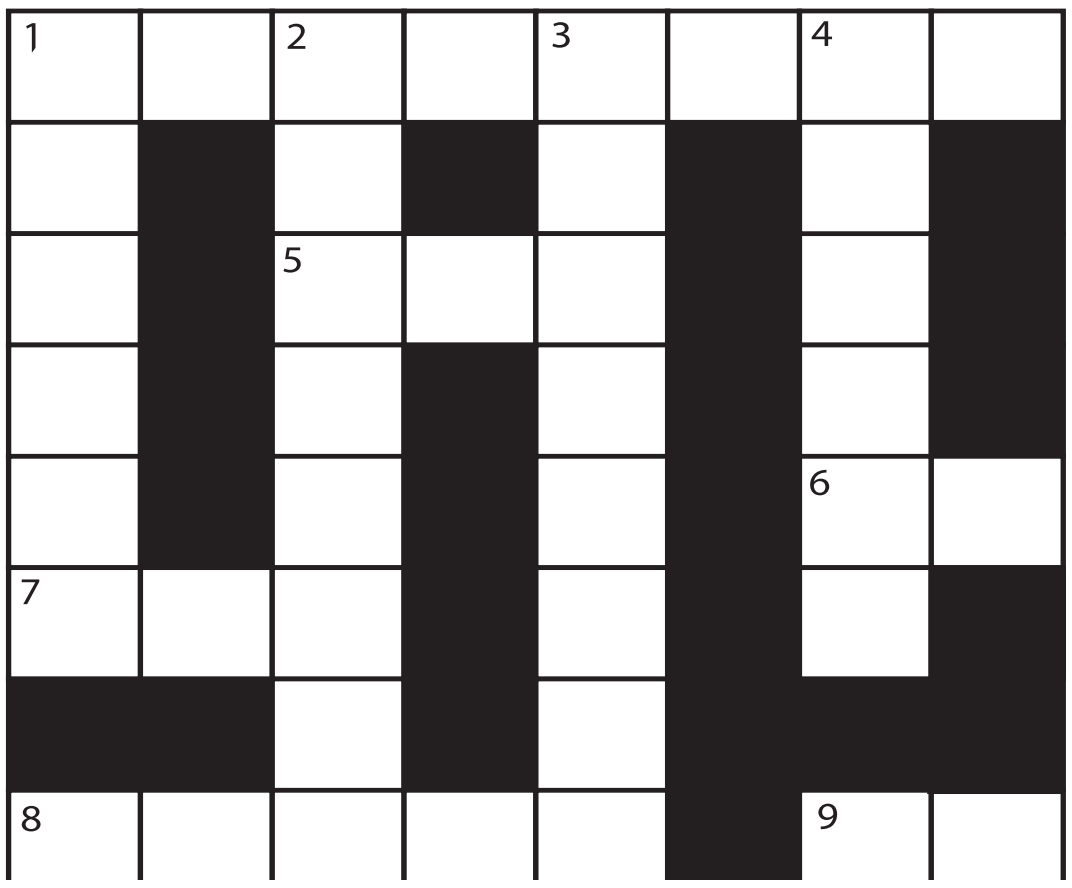
## Kids' Corner



### GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born on July 18, 1967, in California. Before finding fame, I worked as a bouncer at bars in New York. I am best known as the protagonist in several films where I played a mechanic and elite street car racer. I'm also the voice of a sentient tree-like creature.

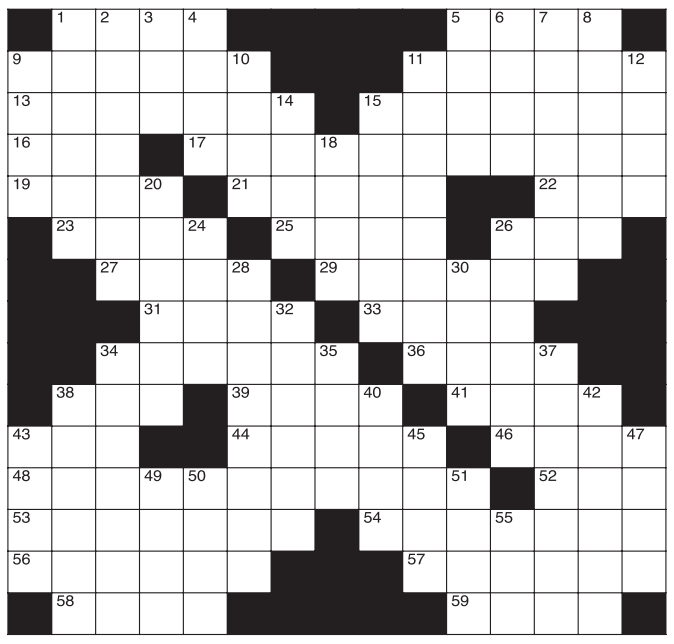
Answer: Vin Diesel



**ACROSS**
1. Figure out the route, 5. Area of land
6. "City of Angels" (abbr.)
7. Breakfast food
8. Green areas used for recreation
9. Opposite of "yes"

**DOWN**
1. Plants, animals and the landscape
2. Person who lives in a village
3. Vacations, trips
4. Pathways to hike

## CROSSWORD



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Resorts
5. One point south of southwest
9. Musical performances
11. Matched
13. Four-footed animal part
15. Express severe disapproval of
16. Type of leaf
17. Preparatory
19. Walk heavily
21. Succulent plants
22. Rectangle of grass
23. Lump in yarn
25. Too
26. Foot (Latin)
27. Afflicts
29. Smoothed
31. Mind (Greek)
33. Tampa ballclub
34. Semitic language
36. Sheltered sides
38. Ocean
39. Electronic point of sale
41. Thrust a knife into
43. 12th month (abbr.)
44. Ringworm
46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)
48. Fighting back
52. Cease to exist
53. Insects in adult stage
54. Freestanding sculpture
56. Caps
57. Repents
58. Brown and Wallace are two
59. Moved quickly

### CLUES DOWN

1. Goes bad
2. Yard structure
3. They __
4. Marine invertebrate
5. European river
6. Office supplies firm
7. Physically abused
8. Service stations in Australia
9. Kills
10. Liquid body substances
11. Particular to a given individual
12. Brave or noble act
14. Sicilian city
15. Conqueror
18. Elected officials
20. Type of "pig"
24. Drop of viscous substance
26. Monetary unit of Spain
28. Guarantees
30. Coloring materials
32. Reddish browns
34. Square measure
35. Will not
37. Canned fish
38. Appeared
40. Six (Spanish)
42. Took off
43. Negligible amount
45. Posts in a Greek temple
47. Witnesses
49. Phil __, former CIA
50. Places to park
51. Guns
55. Dance to pop music

## SUDOKU

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## WORD SEARCH

**STAY COOL WORD SEARCH**

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# Sundays at Grandma's

Sundays used to mean something.

Growing up, it was the one day of the week when everything slowed down. My parents, my siblings, and I would load up and head to Grandma's house for lunch, TV, and maybe a good old-fashioned nap on the sofa. There wasn't a group text or a Facebook invite. It was just what we did.

**Owner/Broker of RAM Properties, Stacey Levin**

Later, after I got married, we carried on that tradition with my mother-in-law. Every Sunday, we'd gather for lunch, maybe swim a little, and yep, you guessed it, take another nap on the sofa.

It wasn't fancy. It wasn't planned out weeks in advance. It just... happened. And it filled our souls more than we realized at the time.

Are we still doing that?

Honestly, I don't think we are, and that makes me a little sad.

I know we're all busier now. Our calendars are full of games, errands, and a million little to-dos.

But there was something sacred about those Sundays. Even if we went to different churches or didn't go at all, we still ended up at Grandma's house.

Her food was never fancy, but it was perfect. I can still taste my grandfather's gumbo. Her roux had bacon grease and coffee in it. I don't even want to know what else went in there. All I know is that it was GOOD.

And my grandma's goulash? Y'all. It was like spaghetti without the sauce – meat, tomatoes, and olive oil. Doesn't sound like much, but my goodness, it was so comforting.

Today marks the third Sunday in a row that my family has gathered at my house. We ate. We swam. We napped on the sofa. Today, LSU won the World Series. That might've helped inspire the crowd, but I'm claiming this as the start of something bigger.

This afternoon, I looked around and saw my kids and grandkids laughing, playing, and living life together. I teared up more than once.

It's been a hard year. Russell isn't here in the flesh, but I know he would be grinning ear to ear watching his family carry on what we both valued so deeply: connection, presence, and unconditional love.

I told the kids today that I want them to start planning to come for Sunday lunch. It probably won't be every week, and that's okay.

Life is busy, but the door will always be open. The food will be hot, maybe. And the sofa will be waiting with a blanket.

Because family matters. The house doesn't have to be perfect. The yard doesn't have to be mowed. The meal doesn't have to be Pinterest-worthy.

We just need to show up.

Traditions don't have to fade. Sometimes we just need someone to say, "Let's bring it back."

Whether it's a home filled with family or a house you're looking to make a home, it all starts with gathering. Let's stop waiting for the perfect moment and start creating it, one Sunday at a time.

# Quiet Heroes: Hospice Nurses, End of Life Doulas, and Grief Counselors

**By KASIA PERKOWSKA**
**Tangi Times Feature Columnist**

Most people would rather not think about, much less talk about, the end-of-life topic. It brings an awkward silence almost instantly, as we usually aren't sure of what to say in these situations.

Discussing this topic with anyone is uncomfortable because death is the final chapter to a book, the final nail in the coffin, so to speak. But let's face it, none of us are getting out of here alive, and many may not know what to expect, or what services are available, when caring for a loved one at the end of their life.

Someone close to me recently lost her best friend, which allowed me to witness some amazing home healthcare workers in action. They included an end-of-life doula, hospice nurses, physical therapists, and delivery drivers from the pharmacy, who delivered (and then picked up) the hospital bed, oxygen tanks, and other equipment necessary for someone in home hospice care.

Once doctors determine that someone is unlikely to recover from their illness or condition, going on hospice care is usually recommended to the patient and the patient's family. On the other hand, someone who is battling a terminal illness, such as cancer, may be too tired to keep fighting, and may make the decision themselves to stop further medical treatment and go on hospice care on their own terms.

So, what exactly is hospice care? Many have heard of it but may not know what it entails. Specialized care provides emotional support, physical comfort, and quality of life to those who are nearing their time.

The hospice team included doctors, nurses, home health aides, and social workers whose care centers on providing dignity and comfort in those last days. Hospice care can be provided at the hospital, a hospice center, a nursing home, or at home.

The decision to put someone on hospice care is usually made when the person has less than six months left to live, doesn't see any improvement from treatments, and their quality of life rapidly declines.

Once on hospice, one can reach out to an end-of-life or death doula. Most of us are only familiar with birth doulas - they assist moms in bringing babies into the world. A death doula assists a person and their loved ones before, during, and after death.

They educate the person and their loved ones about the dying process, prepare them for what's to come, and provide emotional support and comfort. Their main goal is to be present and listen to the needs of the dying person and their grieving friends and family.

One of a death doula's most important jobs is providing an opportunity to openly and honestly discuss the dying process and answer any questions someone may not feel comfortable asking their loved ones, especially if their religious beliefs differ.

They help ease the fear, guilt, and shame that some feel in their last days and create rituals specific to the individual's faith or beliefs. This may include contacting clergy or cultivating a peaceful space for meditation. Her ability to ease anxiety and address unknown fears was incredible!

Hospice nurses came to the house regularly to check vitals, adjust medications, and answer questions. They were on call 24/7 and were absolutely amazing! Everything was done with love, care, kindness, empathy, and professional efficiency. They are there from the time a person is put on hospice until after they pass. Then, they call to make the arrangements, regardless of day or time.

They are true heroes who don't get much recognition when dealing with something as heavy as death on a daily basis, and they do this by choice. They choose these professions to ease and comfort others during the most stressful time of their lives.

Many may wonder what they can do to help someone who may have a loved one in hospice care or who is going through the grieving process. Watching someone going through this isn't easy, but they must be aware they aren't alone.

Grief and emotions can manifest in various ways, and there is no wrong or right way to react, as every reaction during such a life-altering event in a person's life is normal. Some people may cry loudly and be inconsolable, physically unable to stand, and may even need medication to help calm their anxiety. Others may be completely silent, acting as if nothing happened, and doing their best to convince others that they're fine. It's important not to push, but to let them know that we are there for them, to listen, when they're ready.

Usually, friends and neighbors bring food and meals to the grieving family, but we can also help by offering to walk the dog, do the laundry, or help clean and organize the house. The main thing is letting the grieving individual know we are there for them when they need us, even if it's just to sit there and listen to them cry or sit in silence holding their hand. Simply being present is what matters.

This experience really put things into perspective for me, and many questions came to mind. Why do people wait until the very last minute to realize they have regrets? Why is it that when news of a long-lost loved one gets out, suddenly decades of silence no longer matter?

It's because in the end, the heart wins; the love we've always felt for that person inside wins, and when faced with losing them forever, we want them to know they are loved. In the end, the "why" no longer matters, the anger fades, and every effort is made to make things right.

Often, this comes too late, and we carry those regrets, those "should have/ could have beens," with us to our own graves. Years of opportunities wasted, and long-held anger from fights is suddenly forgotten. Hearts may fill with empty voids instead of memories to cherish, laughs to share, and obstacles to overcome together, while building each other up.

We shouldn't wait until the end of life to realize how much our loved ones mean to us. Many claim they don't wish to live with regrets, but what are they doing about it?

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### BRAIN TEASER SOLUTION

*From July 9, 2025*

**RHYME TYME**

Find rhymes for the words in each quartet so that the first word becomes a category and the second, third, and fourth words become specific items in that category.
Example: TOWER: lazy, faster, knows → FLOWER: daisy, aster, rose

**SOLUTION**

1. HOOT: yum, beach, hair
2. MOBILITY: Aaron, fluke, girl
3. GOAT: funk, stallion, hot
4. MOPE: trio, turban, sinus

1. FRUIT: plum, peach, pear
2. NOBILITY: baron, duke, earl
3. BOAT: junk, galleon, yacht
4. POPE: Leo, Urban, Linus

**Congratulations to Captain Jim Mascair for solving this challenging Brain Teaser!**

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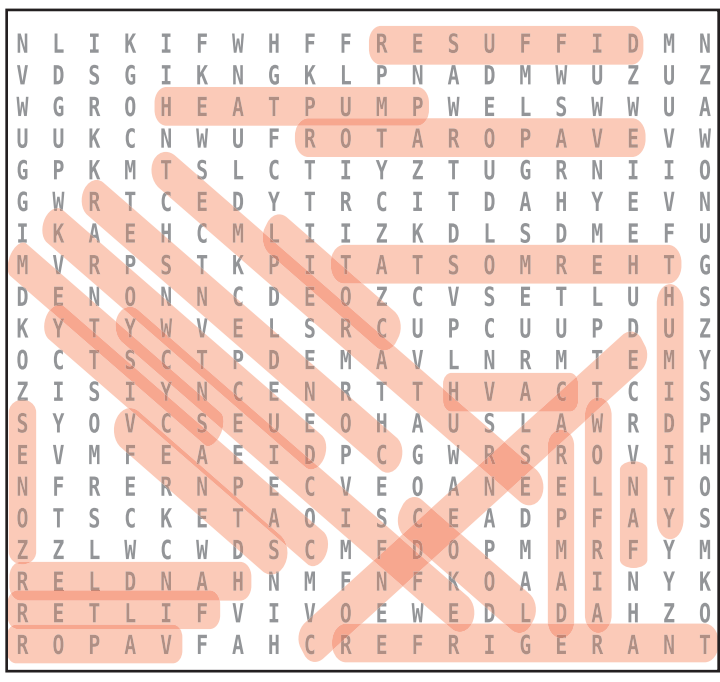

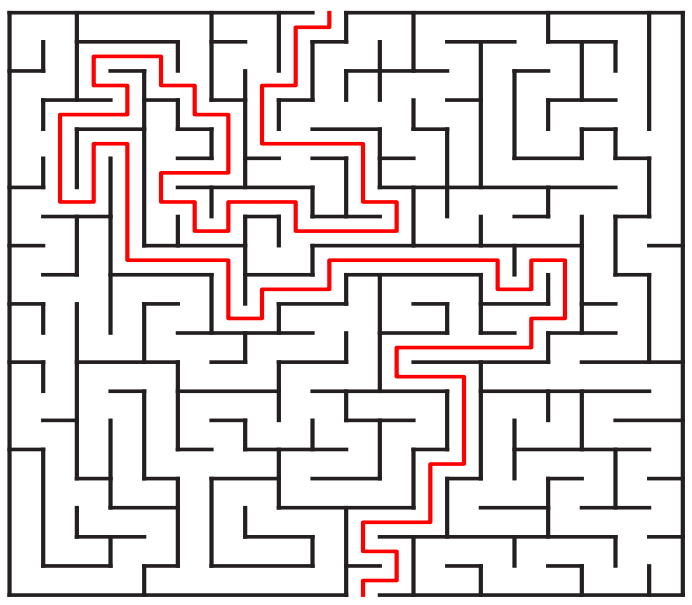

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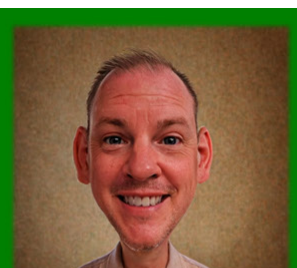
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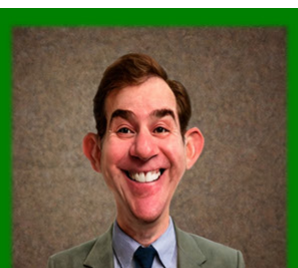
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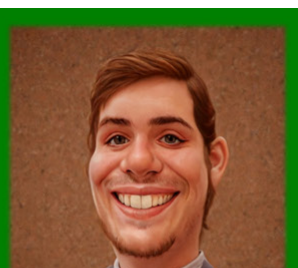
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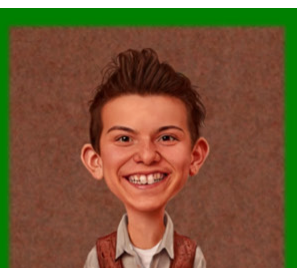
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# SLU Basketball News – Offseason

**By Pablo Crewes**
**Tangi Times Sportswriter**

The Southeastern Lion basketball team filled the roster for the 2025-26 season late last week, adding four new for next year. Three signees come to Hammond with NCAA experience, with a fourth sporting professional playing time in Europe.

Guard Seth Jones signed with Coach David Kiefer after a season at Pacific University and two others at the junior college level. Jones, who can play both backcourt positions, put up fifteen points at Missouri last season and recorded a double-double (12 points and 10 rebounds) against Life Pacific.

Before joining the Tigers, he averaged 10 points per game at Tallahassee and Coastal Alabama, where the Dickinson, TX, product was ranked as one of the top 100 JuCo Players.

Also from a southern state is Jalen Forrest of Decatur, GA, who becomes a Lion after two D-1 years at Presbyterian and Chicago State. Last season at CSU, the shooting guard averaged 13.4 points and 4.5 boards. His Cougar career included a personal-best 37 against Mercyhurst and three other 20+ point outings.

One new Lion not from the region is Ubongasi Etim, who hails from Richmond, CA, and transfers in from Central Arkansas, where he spent two seasons after one at Bowling Green. Nicknamed "Glory", the forward knocked down 54.1% from the floor last season. Etim also blocked 37 shots and hit the glass 5.4 times a game.

And winner for the 'distance from SLU' contest is Peter Hemschemeier. The German-born guard played for five years in both professional leagues in his home country. Last season, he put up 9.6 a night on 43% aim – including 39% from beyond the arc.

The quartet round out a signing class of eight new Lions who will sport the green and gold next season.

You can read up more on them and their teammates by visiting the virtual den, lionsports.net.

# Tulane Baseball Hires Walt Jones

**By JOEL RAY**
**Tangi Times Sportswriter**

Tulane Head Baseball Coach Jay Uhlman recently announced the hiring of Walt Jones to his staff as an assistant coach.

Coach Jones will work as the outfield coach while also assisting Tulane hitters and will aid in recruiting.

"We are excited to add a person of Walt's character and expertise to our staff," said Coach Uhlman. "He is well respected in our profession and has served in a variety of roles. Walt will represent Tulane well in the recruiting world where he has a deep understanding of the landscape in Louisiana and the Southeast. He will bring positive teaching and mentoring to the young men in our program. Not only will his experience assist our players in their daily development, it will also provide our staff with the full scope of those experiences. We are honored to welcome Walt, his wife Alicia and their two daughters Harper and Emory to Tulane."

Jones arrives at Tulane after most recently working as the head coach at Eastern Kentucky University during the 2025 college baseball season.

Jones is a 2008 graduate of Nicholls State University, where he played baseball in the 2007 and 2008 seasons, serving as the team's starting right fielder and lead-off hitter.

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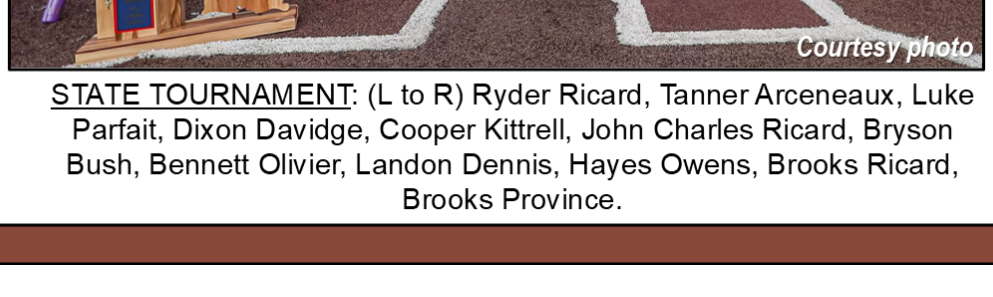
# Independence 9U Heads to World Series

The Independence 9U DYB participated in the Gonzales Assumption District All Star Tournament June 26-28, 2025, winning three consecutive games (6-5; 18-3; and 16-7) to proceed to the State Tournament held in Alexandria, LA on July 4-6, 2025, winning 4 of their 5 games to earn the title of 9u DYB State Champions. The final game against Concordia 9U went 7 innings with Independence winning 7 to 6. The Independence Summer Baseball League congratulates these exceptional athletes as they proceed to the World Series on Thursday July 17, 2025, in Texarkana, AR.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Back row (L to R) Coaches Justin Kittrell, Daryl Ricard, David Davidge



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# Bash Before the Bell

**STEFANIE BROOKE**
**Tangi Times Community Journalist**

Sharpen your pencils and fluff your lunchboxes – school is right around the corner, and Tangipahoa Parish is making sure students head back to class with more than just notebooks in their backpacks. The annual Back-to-School Bash events are rolling into three different locations this July, bringing school supplies, family fun, and a whole lot of community cheer.

These aren't your average, run-of-the-mill school prep events. Oh no. These bashes are more like a warm summer hug before the school bell rings again. They're designed to support families, reduce back-to-school stress, and make sure every child starts the year off right – equipped, encouraged, and maybe even a little bit sticky from popsicle juice.

The party kicks off on July 18 in Kentwood at OW Dillon Leadership Academy from 9am to noon, followed by a doubleheader on July 25: one in Independence at Independence Leadership Academy and one in Hammond at Hammond Westside Montessori, both also from 9am to noon. With the whole parish covered from north to south, there's no excuse not to stop by.

What can you expect? For starters, free school supplies – because nothing says "we've got your back" like a fresh pack of crayons and a shiny new notebook.

But there's more than just pencils and paper: these events include valuable resources for parents, community booths, friendly faces, and that delightful feeling of knowing you're not in this alone. Kids can run around and explore while caregivers connect with local programs, ask questions, and stock up on all the things that make back-to-school season a little less chaotic.

The events are made possible through a partnership between Tangi Crime Stoppers and the Tangipahoa Parish School System. Together, they've created something that feels more like a festival than a checklist.

It's not just about giving out supplies; it's about celebrating our kids, empowering families, and sending a clear message: "You matter. We're here. Let's do this together."

So bring the whole crew, slap on some sunscreen, and make a morning of it. Whether you come for the backpacks, the bubbles, or just to high-five your favorite bus driver, Tangipahoa's Back-to-School Bashes promise to send everyone home smiling – and maybe just a little bit more ready for that first day of school.

# Garden of the Month

**From the Gardenettes**

(Courtesy Photo)

**Jenni O'Neil accepts Garden of the Month for July honors from Gardenettes Virginia Hawkins, Karen Hotard, Mary Hirsch, Cricket Ayala, Marilyn Wright, Margaret Bailey, club president Susan Pizani, and selection chairman Darnell Kimber.**

Jenni and John O'Neil, 200 S. Fifth Street, received the Gardenettes' July Garden of the Month honors for their neatly maintained landscaping. The Ponchatoula garden club belongs to District VI Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs Inc., and National Garden Clubs Inc.

Joining homeowner Jenni O'Neil for the presentation were Gardenettes Virginia Hawkins, Vicky Fannaly, Karen Hotard, Mary Hirsch, Cricket Ayala, Marilyn Wright, Margaret Bailey, club president Susan Pizani, and Darnell Kimber.

Two large containers of fern grace either side of the doorway, as short hedges and flax lilies with their white edging cool the front beds. Green and white compliment the lovely home one block off Ponchatoula's main street, according to Kimber, chairman for the award.

## GROW LOCAL

FROM PAGE 1

Start small. Replace just one non-native ornamental with a native flowering plant. Leave a patch of bare soil for ground-nesting bees.

Skip the pesticides and let your garden have a few nibbled leaves – it means the caterpillars are happy. Add a shallow dish of water with pebbles for pollinators to perch on. You could even tuck a little log or brush pile into a corner of your yard to provide shelter for beneficial insects.

You don't need a sprawling wildflower meadow to make a difference. Even a small backyard garden or a few well-chosen pots on a balcony can become a vital rest stop in the great green highway of life buzzing through Louisiana.

The truth is – what you plant matters. It can either help sustain the delicate balance of life around you or unintentionally shut the door on species that have been here long before garden centers ever existed. But with a few thoughtful choices, your little piece of the world can become a haven – not just for pollinators, but for all of us who rely on them.

So next time you reach for that flashy import, maybe take a peek at what's been growing here all along. Your garden – and your local ecosystem – will thank you.

## BUDGET LOVE

FROM PAGE 1

person pick something small that reminds them of the other. It's not about the gift – it's about the attention to detail.

And here's the thing: date nights matter even more as time goes on. Long-term relationships thrive on intentional time together. Between laundry, errands, and figuring out what on earth to cook for dinner, it's easy to go from partners to co-managers of a household.

Date nights shake things up. They remind you why you picked each other in the first place. They give you space to laugh, connect, and step outside the daily grind, without necessarily stepping too far from home.

So grab your partner's hand, put on your most charming pair of flip-flops, and remember: love doesn't have to be expensive – just creative (and maybe served with a side of étouffée).

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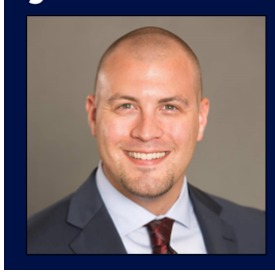
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# Shell Yeah! Tickfaw State Park Hosts a Turtle Talk for Nature Lovers of All Ages

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If you've ever paused to help a turtle cross the road or found yourself captivated by the slow, deliberate charm of a sunbathing shelled reptile, then Tickfaw State Park has just the event for you. On Saturday, July 19, from 2:00 to 3:30pm, the park will host "Slow and Steady," a kid-friendly nature program all about Louisiana's native turtles and tortoises, and why they deserve a little more love and a lot more understanding.

The free program, set against the lush backdrop of one of the state's most biodiverse parks, will dive deep (but not too fast) into the fascinating world of turtles. Participants will learn how to tell the difference between a turtle and a tortoise (hint: one likes to swim, the other prefers a dry land lifestyle), explore the important role these animals play in our local ecosystems, and discover how even the slowest creatures can make a big impact.

Tickfaw is home to several turtle species, including red-eared sliders, common snapping turtles, box turtles, and river cooters. Whether they're lounging on logs in the sun or slowly plodding across a trail, each of these reptiles has its own personality and purpose. Turtles help control insect populations, clean up aquatic environments, and serve as both predator and prey in a complex web of life.

And yes, there will be a hands-on component – because what's a turtle talk without a little creativity? After the educational portion, kids will get to make a turtle-themed craft to take home, so they can remember their new reptilian friends long after the program ends.

But beyond the facts and fun, this event also highlights an important lesson in wildlife respect. Many well-meaning folks try to "help" turtles in ways that can actually harm them.

The program will cover proper turtle handling (spoiler: don't pick them up unless absolutely necessary, and never relocate them far from where they were found) and what to do if you find a turtle in distress – like one injured, stuck in traffic, or tangled in debris.

Nature education events like "Slow and Steady" are about more than just cool animal facts. They foster curiosity, empathy, and a deeper connection with the world around us, especially for kids. In a time when screen time often wins over green time, events like these give families a chance to unplug and rediscover the joy of exploring, observing, and learning together in nature.

While the program itself is free, standard park entry fees still apply, so be sure to bring a few dollars for admission and maybe a snack or two for your post-turtle adventure stroll through the woods.

So bring your little explorers, your sunscreen, and your sense of wonder. Whether you're a long-time turtle enthusiast or a curious newcomer, this slow-paced afternoon promises to be anything but boring. After all, when it comes to loving nature, slow and steady really does win the race.

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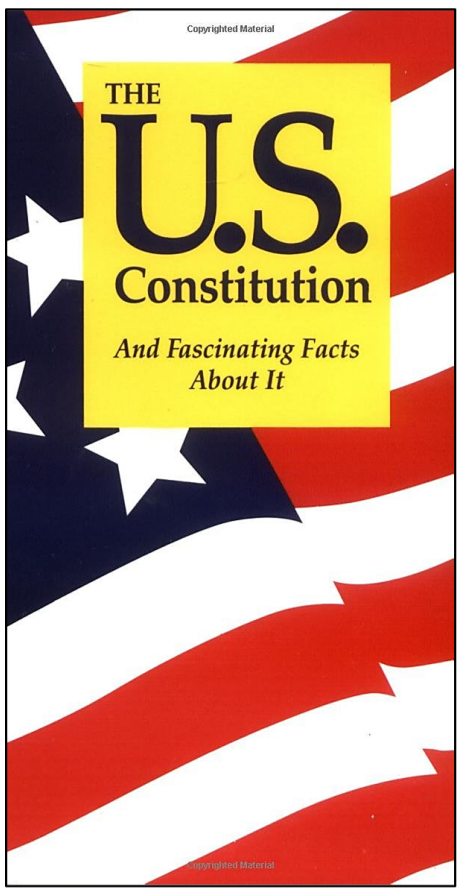


*We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*

The United States Constitution is composed of three main parts:

The Preamble: The first 52 words of the whole Constitution, beginning with "We the People" (see above).

The Articles: There are seven articles which make up the structural Constitution, signed on September 17, 1787, and ratified on June 21, 1788.

The Amendments: There are 27 Amendments to the Constitution. The first ten Amendments are known as the Bill of Rights, ratified on December 15, 1791.

In 1955, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The United States Constitution, America's most important document, stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms, and inalienable rights. Under constant attack by those who want to change America from the most liberated and most prosperous nation in the world to more closely resemble the oppressed civilizations that our forefathers fought to escape three centuries ago, the U.S. Constitution needs to be protected now, possibly more than ever. Constitution Week is celebrated annually by patriotic Americans to commemorate its history and importance and to raise attention to the criticality that it be preserved and vigorously defended.

In honor of our nation's sacred Constitution and the spirit of true American patriotism, free copies of The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It are available during Constitution Week and thereafter at The Tangi Times News Headquarters at 1579 Hwy 51 in Ponchatoula. To claim your copy, call 985-467-0096 or send an email to publisher@tangitimes.com.

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*Note: spelling in parts of this article reflect spelling used in the original Constitution of the United States of America (source – National Archives).*

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